

REMARKS

Applicants propose amending claim 11 under 37 CFR 1.312 to amend the phrase "in response to sample information from the sample cup at the specified position of said sample disk" to read --in response to sample information-- and to correct a typographical error.

The foregoing amendments are necessary to more properly define applicants' invention. Moreover, it is submitted the foregoing amendments require no substantial work on the part of the Examiner since it is submitted the claims are patentable for the same reasons set forth in the remarks accompanying the Amendment filed January 12, 2004. That is, PCT Publication No. WO97/09621 discloses an automatic analyzer and display method for an automatic analyzer. The analyzer is provided with a cover 1 which covers the reaction disk 3, a cover 10 which covers the specimen disk 12, a cover 20 which covers the reagent disk 22, and a transparent cover 30 which covers the specimen and reagent and extracting injecting units 14 and 24. However, the cover 30 of this document does not appear to cover, in a closed position, the reaction disk and a part of the sample disk. Moreover, the cover 10, which covers the specimen disk 12 does not comprise two units, one of which is removable and is exposed outside another cover when the another cover is in the closed position, as presently claimed. Accordingly, this publication does not disclose and would not have suggested the presently claimed invention as presently amended. The foregoing proposed amendment does not change the reasons for which the invention as a whole is patentable.


Entry of this amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 is requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing

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